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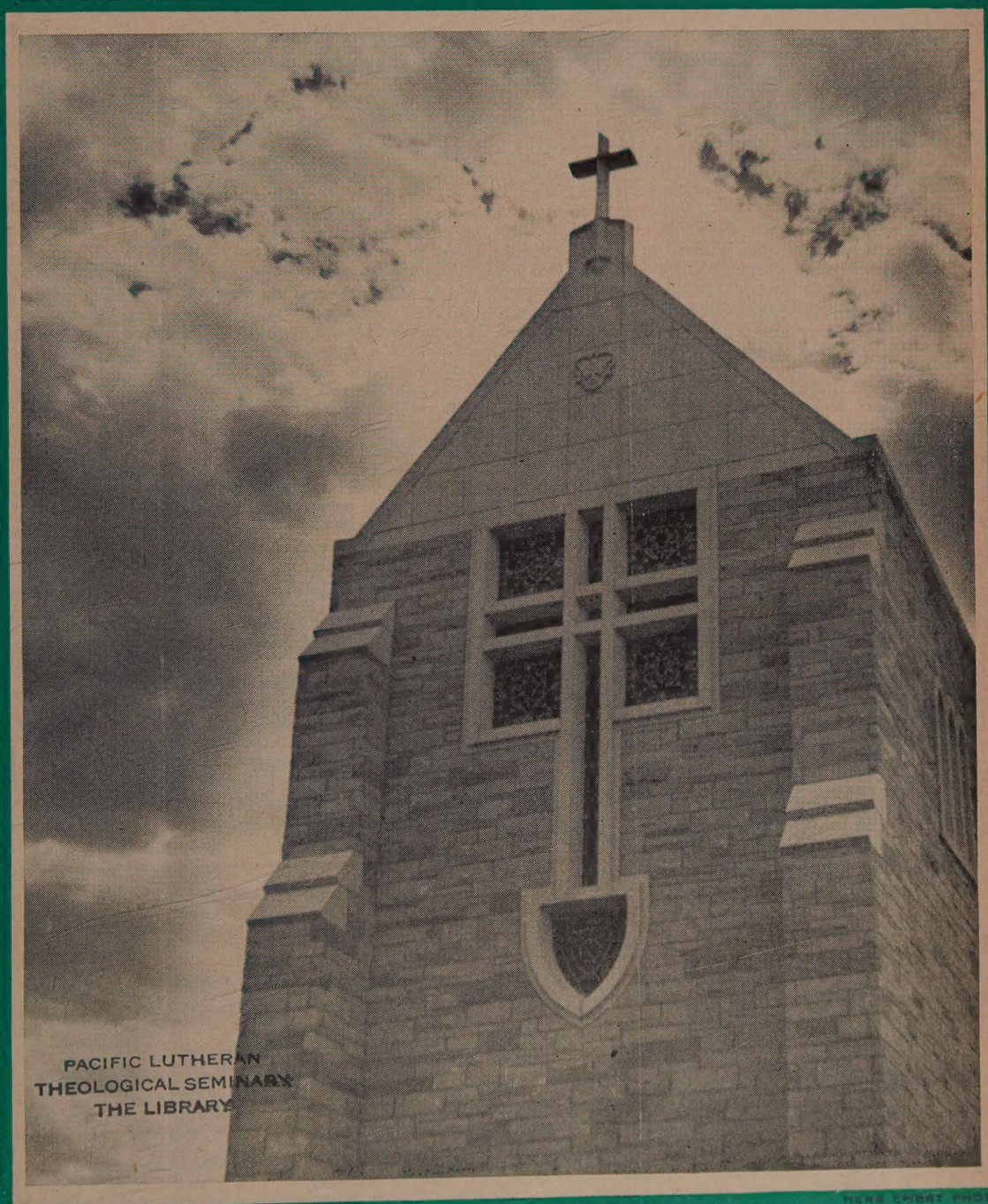

NEWS BUREAU PHOTO

Exterior of the Chancel, St. John's Church, Ellinwood, Kans.

Letters

This column offers opportunity for expressions on matters of interest to our readers. Letters must be signed, although names will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to reject, print in full, or omit matter not pertinent, according to the nature of the letter and space limitations. The opinions expressed by readers are not necessarily those of the Editors.

USED COMMUNION WARE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League Board has delegated me to ask the LUTHERAN WITNESS to print a request for used Communion ware for missions in Japan.

For the second year our district's spiritual project is "A Study of Missions with Action." Last year we studied four mission fields: Guatemala, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Venezuela. This year so far we have taken up Japan and the American Indian Mission. For an action program the society sends gifts of materials for the work of our missionaries. We contact Synod's missionaries in the particular field ahead of time for suggestions. Articles such as projectors, visual aids, medical supplies, clothing, school supplies, hymnals, etc., have been sent. Gifts of money are also welcome and enable us to buy larger articles which the societies do not send.

The project has been very successful, and the women of our district enjoy giving help to Synod's foreign missions.

When Missionary W. Danker of Japan contacted the men of his field for suggestions for us, every one of the missionaries asked for a used Communion set for his congregations. We know from experience how scarce such sets are, because we had similar requests from three other fields.

We hope that through the WITNESS, Communion sets not in current use can help fill the need in mission stations in Japan. Our district will be happy to cover any shipping cost involved in the gift of any Communion set. Either cup or individual type can be used.

(MRS. K.) AURELIA GRAESSER
110 Melrose St., Providence 7, R. I.

LIKES ALL BUT PAGE TWO

It seems that with each issue the LUTHERAN WITNESS is getting better. I was particularly pleased with the make-up of the January 5 production.

The only page that I cannot get enthusiastic about is number two, but other people probably like that type of thing and feel that it is important enough to occupy such a prominent position. . . .

Again, permit me to congratulate you on the attractiveness of your publication.

River Forest, Ill. HERBERT H. GROSS

"BLESSINGS"

I am writing this to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the article "It's Later than You Think" in the December 22 issue. I read it over several times. It is written so impressively. . . . Also want to comment on the articles in the January 5 issue "The Psalter," which is beautiful, and "Jesus Said," which is very comforting, and "The Creed," which is wonderful. Also the article "Out of the Depths" in the January 19 issue. I will join the writer in saying, "Yes, thank God for the depths!" And thank God for such articles, to remind us again of all our blessings!

Lansing, Ill. MRS. L. CEDERHOLM

PLEA FROM INDIA

Missionary and Mrs. G. R. Stelter, whose address is Peroorkada, Trivandrum 5, South India, by letter ask for magazines such as *This Day*, women's magazines, *Reader's Digest*, *Family Circle*, and *Better Living*. Magazines of this kind the missionaries place in Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., and other reading rooms in India.

Also, Mrs. Stelter would appreciate it greatly if church members in the U. S. would send her inexpensive religious pictures. These pictures are framed in India and then sold at a nominal price to the Indian Lutherans for their homes. The poor in India cannot well afford to pay for such things when they cost more than 25 cents.

Magazines, books, and unframed pictures can be sent to the Stelters in India in packages up to six pounds and nine ounces — maximum weight for packages of this material sent to India — at a postal rate of two cents for the first two ounces and one and a half cents for each additional two ounces or fraction thereof; these packages must be marked "Printed Matter" with no value indicated on the package. In this way our missionaries will not have to pay duty on the material which will be used to good advantage in the foreign mission field.

The parochial children in St. Paul's School, New Orleans, are sending to the Stelters pictures from old calendars and discarded Christmas cards. I hope that other churches and Sunday schools will join them in this worthy project.

New Orleans, La. MRS. L. J. LALA

APPRECIATES CO-OPERAT

Your excellent co-operation w paraiso University, as mentione January 19 WITNESS, is really i Our enterprise in Valparaiso has great potential for good. Perh greatest need in the Church n train college-going young men an who will return to their congreg ardent workers for the Church. achieve this to the highest degr our Church will grow fast; then will have many capable helpers congregations; then we will rai money for our various departm church work; our individual c tions will flourish; mission work expanded.

I am happy beyond words that this thing so clearly and are givin wonderful co-operation. As a boa ber and as one who for thirty y been deeply interested in this wor to thank you.

Fort Wayne, Ind. W. C. DIC

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THE COVER

St. John's Church, Ellinwood, constructed of Briar Hill stone with Silverdale trim. The interior faced Benton Post stone, rich in fo mations from the quarries at Hay The floor is Vermont slate. Wain altar are of Locarno marble.

The nave seats 252, the choir, the overflow, 164. A three-story tional unit forms a *T* at the west the nave and provides 14 individu rooms. The library is adorned wit ings of Bible women by a Luther Signe Larsen of Lindsborg.

Stained-glass windows through nave and chancel depict the life a of Christ, the six chief parts of C doctrine, the Evangelists, the Sac and the Trinity.

The church has radiant-floor as well as air conditioning.

The $280,000 cost of the chu financed by means of a church-e program within the congregation cludes numerous loans made by of the Sunday school.

The church was dedicated M 1952.

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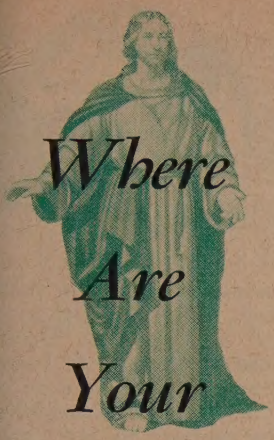

Where Are Your EYES?

By MARTIN L. KOEHNEKE
ounselor, Parish Education, Texas District

FROM PAINTING BY LEJEUNE

God help us keep our eyes "ever toward the Lord"

unbelieving husband brought his wife to a Christian hospital, for the time had come for her e birth to a child. He protested nently when he saw a picture of t on the wall of his wife's room nsisted that the picture be re- d. When the hospital authorities nstrated with him, he stated dly: "I don't ever want my child e or know anything about this t!" He had his wish. His child orn blind.

tiful, you say. But not so pitiful iritual blindness.

God's grace we are not blind e beauty of our Savior. We say David: "Mine eyes are ever d the Lord." And yet, how easy or our eyes to stray. Where are eyes?

When You Look Back?

ere are those who, like Lot's look back and hanker for an ir- vable past. She left her heart dom. It did her no good that ody followed the angel.

hers have the backward look of sraelites in the wilderness. God een their Leader and Provider. ad sent them manna and quail heaven, a cloud by day, and a of fire by night. He had given water from rocks and healing ly a look at a serpent of brass. ir adversity, confusion, and dis- gement they hankered for the ots of Egypt.

here are your eyes when you ack?

nsider David. As a shepherd e had tended his father's sheep. Now a king, chosen by God to be the leader of Israel, surrounded by heavenly favors, David looked back and said: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" His "eyes were toward the Lord."

Jacob's eyes were toward the Lord as he looked back. Remembering his panicky flight from an angry brother, considering his former poverty and his present affluence and his inheritance of the promise, he turned his eyes toward the Lord and said: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant."

Are your eyes toward the Lord, "from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, who has ransomed you from sin and death and hell, and has made you a king and priest unto God your Father"?

When You Look Down?

There are those who, in the spirit of Elijah under the juniper tree, look down dejected and despondent. With eyes only for their own powers, they find themselves at the end of their resources.

When you feel all alone and are worried, where are your eyes? You will not find yourself saying: "Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord."

The publican in the Temple looked down because he was ashamed of his sins. But his eyes were toward the Lord, and he cried for mercy. And to him came the same blessing received by the woman taken in adultery. Looking down, she saw her Lord writing in the sand and then her Lord's eyes looking at her as He said: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

When you look down in fear, when the burden of your sins lowers your proud chin and crushes your bruised and penitent heart, may your eyes be "ever toward the Lord"!

When You Look Around and About You?

The Pharisees had straying eyes. They loved to look around, and when they compared themselves with others, they were well pleased.

There is enough of the Pharisee in each of us to let our eyes stray, to look about us in the church or at other denominations and to be quite satisfied with our spiritual condition. And while we may not be ready to claim as much for ourselves as did the Pharisees, we find much solace in the shortcomings of others. When this happens, where are your eyes?

St. Paul looked around and about himself, and what did he see? He saw Macedonian Christians in the grandeur of their generosity, and in them he saw the Lord working in them that which was well-pleasing in His sight. He looked at the Corinthian congregations, lacking many Christian virtues. Yet to them he could say: "Your zeal hath provoked many." He could see the zeal of the Lord of hosts in the lives of these Corinthians. Contemplating his flock at Philippi, he could begin his Epistle by saying: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." And he was thankful because he found his Lord living and loving in the hearts of these Philippian Christians.

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Magi in KANSAS

By J. E. HERRMANN
Stewardship Counselor of Synod

With a big smile the Rev. H. H. Koppelmann, Assistant Secretary of Synod's Board for Missions in Foreign Countries, handed me a letter and said, "Read it!" We want to share a portion of it with you:

"This was a Christmas Eve children's program we will never forget. . . . Near the altar the tiny tots had a manger which they used in their little pageant for a depository for their gifts for Jesus. . . . As the recessional began, the manger was carried into the parish hall and placed into a missions setting. Near by was a poster listing the countries in which our missionaries work. A dozen or more dolls represented various mission fields. Carrying lighted candles, the junior choir sang "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful!" Six Sunday school representatives brought gifts from their classes for the King of Kings' missions. Then came a procession of children carrying flags of lands under which our Church's missionaries serve. Then more children. Then the whole congregation. All laid their Christmas gifts for Jesus in the manger and paused there for a brief prayer. The Christmas Eve gifts for the missions of the King of Kings exceeded $10,000. What a Christmas! All the more remarkable since our area had harvested one of its slimmest wheat crops in years!

"There was a story behind the gifts. Three weeks before Christmas the Stewardship Committee asked for a special congregational meeting of husbands and wives. Fortunately the most aggressive layman on the District Board of Directors is a member of this congregation. He reported the dire need in synodical and District mission treasuries. Not a word was mentioned that night about the usual matters which occupy our time in voters' meetings. The only subject was *missions.* A young farmer's wife asked for the floor and in a choked-up voice asked: 'I wonder if all of us have ever considered Christmas gifts for Jesus. After all, Christmas is His birthday — not ours. Charley and I have had our greatest Christmas joy over the check we marked "For Jesus on His birthday" and designated for some project of church work.'

"Her talk electrified the whole crowd. Immediately there was a motion to ask all members to follow her suggestion. The Stewardship Committee was directed to publicize a special Christmas Eve offering — gifts for the King of Kings. The committee certainly worked. It mailed letters and offering envelopes to mem the church. The committee as to preach a sermon on Decer on 'Whose Birthday?' to have prayers for missions, and to p prayers in the church bulletin courage members to pray dur week for missions. The wives committee men said to each oth husband and I have decided t year we are giving for missio we usually spend for gifts f other.'

"This was one Christmas w the members of St. John's whose birthday they were cele Our greatest joy was in realizi the name 'Jesus' means to eac

"A thought that is a bit un for me is that I had been pray the Lord would move our pe reach the goal we had set at I learned again that we ma prayers too small.

"A more pleasant thought our people have some eviden that there are better ways of gifts for missions than using t style schedule of having three s and two meals on one day. I as if our group will be able t almost $20,000 for missions in 1

"ARTHUR F. TRAU

"P. S. The elders decided to up the mission offering with a service of thanksgiving on Janu

St. John's Church
the Rev. Arthur F. Traugott, Pastor
Ellinwood, Kans.

HERB EMBRY PHOTO

It Does Happen!

We have often wondered would happen if congregations th out Synod would really cat missionary vision and give expression to it. It has happe some of our congregations. St. which Pastor Traugott serves in wood, Kans., is a case in poin congregation numbers only a fe than 300 communicants. The words spoken by one devout so set in motion a wave of mis zeal which will influence this gation for years to come.

Could it happen in *your* co tion? You may be the very o by a fervent plea in Jesus' nam

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e previous issue of the WITNESS discussed the tragedies of Cu- life — an illiteracy of 38.5 per nemployment, low wages, ille- y, and superstition. These evils valent to a large degree because nsforming Gospel of Christ is dely preached.

may well ask, therefore: "What e churches doing? What is the an Church doing to help the people?"

Roman Catholicism

umbus brought Roman Cathol- to Cuba, but by the end of the h-American War the Roman h had largely lost its effective-

ause it was a State Church, ported Spain and opposed the nent for independence. The excommunicated numerous s in the war for liberty. As ult, thinking Cubans left the n Church, became indifferent, the Masonic Order that had them, or became interested in Protestant church.

wever, by now the Roman h has largely regained control press, of government affairs, and ban life in general. At present, are in Cuba 386 Roman cathe- or chapels, 86 monasteries, and nneries. About 40,000 children rolled in the 107 girls' schools he 51 boys' schools. In 1946, tinian priests from the U. S. d a Catholic university. It now 9 students.

ba has 560 priests and monks, of whom are foreigners. They to serve a total of 4,500,000 ers," or 80 per cent of the Cuban . This means there is one priest ery 8,000 members.

nan Catholicism feels that the ay to serve Cuba is to rid it of poisons": Protestantism and unism.

e Protestants are worse than mmunists," it is said. The clergy these "two poisons" through the ng agencies: one Cuban semi- with 100 priests enrolled; 160 ic Laymen's Leagues, totaling members; 500 Catholic Youth es; 200 Catholic Ladies' Aid es; 2,000 members of the Knights umbus; 100 Catholic Teachers' es; the Association of Catholic s; and the like. All these groups rking tirelessly to destroy Prot- sm and Communism.

on-Lutheran Protestantism

edom of religion, written into nstitution of 1902, was consid- ne of the important triumphs independence. Protestant mis- es began to flow into Cuba. vere sincere, but often poorly

5,870,904 Reasons

By FRED PANKOW
Missionary, Havana, Cuba

PART II

In tropical Cuba outdoor services are popular.

Top right: The Rev. and Mrs. Herman Glienke, newest missionaries in Cuba, in front of the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer, Havana.

The author's wife assists in conducting children's classes in different areas of Havana.

trained. Their aim was to raise the spiritual and educational level of the people.

In 1953 non-Lutheran Protestantism claimed 100,000 "communicant members"; 500,000 Cuban children are enrolled in Protestant Sunday schools — as many as attend Missouri Synod Sunday schools in the U. S.

Approximately one million Cubans favor one of the following 30 distinct groups or denominations: The Individual Offering Church, the Salvation Army, the Holiness Church, the Evangelical Mission, the Saved Church of God, the Pentecostal Church of God, the Church of God, the Evangelical Pentecostal Church, the Church of Christ, the Evangelical Apostolic Church of Christ, the Biblical Mystery Mission, the Eastern Baptist Church, the Independent Baptist Church, the Western Baptist Church, the Evangelical Hall Church, the Nazarene Church, the Quakers, the Four-Square Gospel Church, Daddy John's Band of Gideons, the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Bethel Evangelical Mission, the Good News Church, the Reign of Christ Church, the Berean Mission, the Cuban Evangelical Association, the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the United World Mission, and the Mission to the Orphans. Bewildered Cubans tend to throw the Lutherans into "the big pot," too.

Lutheranism

"Where is the Lutheran church located?" wrote Mrs. Ruth Cruz after hearing a Lutheran Hour broadcast in 1945. "There is no Lutheran church in Havana," she had to be told. Mrs. Cruz had come to Havana from our church on the Isle of Pines, where Lutheran congregations were founded as early as 1911 by the Rev. Richard C. Oertel. In 1915 Pastor W. H. Hafner had arrived to assist him.

The Isle of Pines, with a population of about 3,000, is located off the south coast of Cuba. It was considered U. S. territory after the War of 1898; for that reason several hundred American families purchased property there. The Isle had originally been settled by

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YOUR SYNOD

THE PRESIDENT

Please grant me a few personal words about a matter which touches and moves me very much at this time. When a person has had kindness heaped on him in a measure such as my family and I were permitted to experience during our recent bereavement, hearts are filled to overflowing with mingled feelings. On the one hand, there is sadness and sorrow because of the great loss which we sustained. On the other hand, there is sincere gratitude because of the heartfelt sympathy and words of genuine consolation expressed by many friends.

The children and I herewith desire to thank everyone very sincerely for all kindnesses shown us during these days of bereavement and sorrow. Dear relatives and friends came from near and far to be with us during these hours of tribulation and to offer words of sympathy and comfort from God's holy Word. We assure everyone that we appreciate this more than we can put into words.

The hundreds of cards and letters and telegrams are much appreciated. This is especially true because these messages reminded us again and again of the glorious promises of our Lord and Savior, promises which bring true comfort and assurance to sorrowing hearts because the promises speak of faith, of the resurrection, and of seeing one another again. We want everyone of you to know that these messages mean very much to us. We are deeply grateful to you.

We thank all the friends who remembered our good wife and mother with bouquets and wreaths and various of beautiful flowers. They spea guage all their own, especially in sickness and in the hours of berea

We express our sincere grati the very many — it was truly number — memorial wreaths. causes were remembered thus, a the death of our loved one bec occasion for many friends to renc ice to Christ, our Savior, by thei ous contributions for various pl work in Christ's kingdom.

Once more, we are deeply for the consideration shown us. fail us to express our appreciati quately. May God graciously ble one of you for your many kin

JOHN W. BEHNKEN

SECRETARY OF MISSIONS

The Home Missions Conference, for the first time sponsored jointly by the Board for Missions in North and South America and the Church Extension Board of Synod, was held in St. Louis, January 19 and 20. In addition to the full membership of the two synodical Boards, Mission Boards and one representative of the Church Extension Boards of the 29 Districts of the U. S. and the three Districts of Canada met to discuss the problems of our expanding mission program in North America.

In a survey of the religious conditions in America, Pastor Wm. H. Hillmer pointed out that in spite of great progress there are still unlimited opportunities to expand our mission program. In the U. S. 41 per cent of the people are avowedly unchurched.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity for mission work arises from the migration of great masses of our people. Much time was devoted to the discussion of those areas of our Church which have experienced tremendous population increases, especially on the outer edges of our country — the southeast, the south, the west and the northwest — where The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod is numerically weak. This situation poses a number of problems, chief among them: the provision of necessary facilities for the many new congregations that must be called into being. The conference urged the Church Extension Board to make an all-out effort to increase the working capital of its fund, to assist needy Districts.

Considerable time was also devoted to the discussion of two phases sion expansion: the establishment congregations and more intensive activity in the existing congregat was pointed out that the local c are Christ's "channels for bringi keeping people under the sanctif fluence of the Gospel," and that new congregation becomes an ad spiritual reservoir through whi life-giving water can flow into the and lives of our fellow men."

Other helpful papers concerne selves with the District Mission tary, missionaries' conferences, co tion between Synod's Mission Bo the District Mission Boards.

H. A. MAYER

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

From practically all of our synodical Districts, delegates, many of them the District Youth Board Chairmen, met for the 1954 Lutheran Youth Conference in St. Louis, January 13 and 14.

The Rev. O. Feucht of Synod's Board for Parish Education (Adult Division) urged parish planning to create, devise, unify, intensify, and carry out an active youth program in the congregation.

The Rev. E. Dobelstein, in a paper originally prepared by the Rev. Edgar Schmidt of the Central District, pointed out ways in which the District Youth Boards can help the Walther League in its work. He encouraged pastors and board members to attend Walther League functions and pleaded that the position of the clergy be interpreted to the youth of our Church in a proper manner.

Dr. M. F. Kretzmann outlined the Synodical Board of Directors' relationship to the youth work of Synod and urged that more young men and women be actively enrolled in the Church's work, a matter which will be attempted with the Youth Evangelism program now going into action.

Prof. Walter Stuenkel, chairman of the Youth Survey Committee, discussed the various survey materials now being produced by the committee, which, he stressed, is not attempting to disrupt any youth work now in action, but will seek to ascertain the facts as they are and point out possible improvements.

Executive Secretary Elmer Witt of the Walther League emphasized the importance of Lutheran Volunteer S in training young men and wo youth leaders in the congregations F. Weiherman spoke of W. L. ca "experiments in Christian living."

Prof. J. Choitz outlined the Leadership Workshop held last y the campus of Concordia T College, River Forest. Another wo scheduled for June 21 to July 2, will offer many teachers in o schools the opportunity of further ing in youth work.

The Rev. Walter Wangerin of Forks, N. Dak., urged more trai counseling.

Dr. L. Spitz implored God's bl on all plans of the conference.

CLARENCE PETERS

The Psalter

"Grace! 'Tis A Charming Sound"

lm 63:6: "Because Thy loving-s is better than life, my lips aise Thee."

is the life!" people are wont say when their cup of joy is nen they have their heart's de-nen their spirits are lifted high. pular idea of "life" is pleasure, n from care. Life seems to be hest good.

at is why people cling to life erately, seek always to improve ig the last ounce of enjoyment t. To many life is an end in They look for nothing better, g beyond. They love it for

t there is something better than he Psalmist tells us what it is: loving-kindness is better than God is the Author and Source good. By His grace He enables hare in that good. And that is than life itself.

r life on earth is, at best, short ll of woe. "We spend our years le that is told." To build our our joys, and our ambitions on e alone is to build on shifting

d introduces us to a better life. ot bound to this world or to dy. It is spiritual, eternal. It as soon as God's grace has l and transformed our heart. is life eternal, that they may Thee, the only true God, and Christ, whom Thou hast sent," our Lord.

know and accept the loving-ss of that God who has be-on us the gift of His own that is life indeed. The life hid with Christ in God is han what the world calls "life." ause of God's surpassing grace ig us the new life in Christ, the st declares: "My lips shall Thee." Not just the lips, of but the whole heart will sing nual paean of praise to God. s will love to utter the charm-nd of grace. Our ears will) it. Our hearts will beat to it. Augustine said it well: "O Thou hast formed us for Thy-nd our souls are restless till st in Thee."

the Psalmist said it better: oving-kindness is better than

THOMAS COATES

And Jesus Said

I and My Father are One.
John 10:30

This saying takes us into the mystery of mysteries, the nature, or natures, of our Lord. Jesus had given His disciples the promise that He would give them eternal life and that no one would pluck them out of His hand. He had added the assurance that no one would pluck them out of His Father's hand. This was not only comforting, but also revealing as to the work of the Father and the Son. The Son would protect the disciples; so would the Father. Evidently they are most closely united in their work. This was profound teaching and called for an explanation. How could the Father and the Son have the same work, the same purpose, the same almighty power? Jesus puts the answer into a few words: "I and My Father are One."

Think of the meaning of this saying! Jesus and the Father are not two different gods, they are one and the same God. They are not only closely united, but they also constitute, they are, the one, true, holy God, together with the Holy Spirit, who is not mentioned in this context. There is unity of purpose between the Father and the Son, and unity of essence: the Father is God, the Son is God. Christ's deity is definitely asserted.

Does this statement interpret the word of Jesus correctly? In John 14:9 He says, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." To see and to know God you must look to Christ. This confirms most aptly the saying of Jesus: "I and My Father are One."

But what incomprehensible things we face here! Jesus certainly was a true Man. Almost every page of the Gospels proves it. And here He is declared to be God with the Father. How can it be? Here we are dealing with truths which we cannot explain. But should we not be aware that there is a difference between the fact and the explanation of the fact and that while we all accept the former, the latter often is unknown to us? Think of consciousness, of our being aware of existing, of being living beings, of being different from other living beings. The fact is there, no one denies it. But who can explain it? Let us bow in humble faith before our Savior and acknowledge Him as true God and Man. He is telling us these truths not to satisfy our curiosity, but to assure us that in His hands we are safe for time and eternity.

WILLIAM F. ARNDT

The Creed

"Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary"

The Holy Ghost, that same Spirit who in the beginning, "with mighty wings outspread, dovelike, sat brooding on the vast abyss and made it pregnant," initiated human life in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee," said Gabriel to Mary, "and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Eight hundred years before, Isaiah had foretold: "A virgin shall conceive" (Is. 7:14). Back farther yet, God had promised the appearance of the *woman's* Seed (Gen. 3:15).

The Virgin Birth! Who can understand it?

Well, who expects to, when even the birth of a child, any child, is a mystery so deep as to move the simple of heart to wonder and reverence! Who can understand the propulsive life force which produces a human personality with power to think, sing, laugh, achieve, and worship? Scientists can describe the process anatomically, but cannot shed light on what constitutes the directing force.

Jesus, our Lord, shared in the mystery of human birth. But more! The Bible states: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was *on this wise*" — inconceivably different, not like other births that originate from two parents; but, as the Creed has it, He "was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary." A difference in kind!

Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh. The Infinite became a Babe of a span long. Who can count the miles from heaven's throne to Bethlehem's manger? The Eternal One contracted Himself within a growing embryo and thus became dependent on the very laws He Himself had authored.

The primal miracle is this, that Jesus is the planned focusing of God in history. "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!"

Why the incarnation? That the awesome chasm between God and man might be bridged. God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.

Reverently we bow our heads at the words: "And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man."

ERWIN KURTH

Editorials

How to Lose One's Faith

No special effort is needed for a merchant to go bankrupt. He need only neglect his business, give poor service to his customers, ignore the rise and fall of the market, and be careless in his buying.

A farmer need not sow weeds to ruin his fields. Weeds grow by themselves. He needs only to stand by with folded arms and to watch the weeds grow. Crop failure will come faster than he thought.

An official need not become guilty of embezzling or of other irregularities in order to lose his bread and butter. Let him be tardy, careless, and slovenly, and he will soon see another man in his place.

You need not exert yourself to lose your soul's salvation. You need not become a criminal nor lose the respect of your fellow men by some other gross misdeed. Merely do nothing. Neglect God's Word and prayer, give the motions of sin in your members free rein, and pay no attention to the needs of your soul.

O God, forsake me not!
Take not Thy Spirit from me,
And suffer not the might
Of sin to overcome me.
Increase my feeble faith,
Which Thou Thyself hast wrought.
Be Thou my Strength and Power—
O God, forsake me not!

Publicity Week

Since 1948 the Knights of Columbus, the 850,000-member Roman Catholic laymen's organization, have been running paid advertisements in national magazines and local newspapers in the United States and Canada. The January issue of *The Catholic Mind* recounts the origin of the campaign and the success of the five-year national venture. During that period, approximately 1,260,000 inquiries were received, and some 113,000 persons enrolled in a course of Catholic instruction by mail. To finance the plan, each K of C member was assessed 80 cents a year. The ads aimed to present the Roman Catholic faith objectively without directly attacking other denominations. Such provocative titles as "You Hear Strange Things About Catholics," "The Bible Is a Catholic Book," "The Bible Is *Not* Our Sole Guide," while they kept several national magazines from accepting the ads, helped to bring out a huge response. "The more ads we publish, the more inquiries we receive," stated Luke E. Hart, Supreme Advocate of the K of C.

The *application:* February 21 to 28, 1954, is National Lutheran Publicity Week. Everybody reads a newspaper. Why cannot each congregation (or group of congregations) run a weekly *paid* ad in the community paper setting forth *briefly,* but *attractively,* what the Lutheran Church believes and teaches? Material ready for publication may be obtained from Concordia Publishing House or from the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. Why not a newspaper campaign for Christian witnessing! Try it during Lent! The unusual, newsy K of C advertising is proving effective. Let the Knights here be our teachers. We have the truth. We have Christ's command: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

Not Near Enough

The recent tragic death of the brilliant young William Kapell has saddened his many admirers. ing from a concert tour in Australia, Mr. Kapell had the California coast and was a few minutes awa a landing field when his plane crashed into a moun

Tragic happenings of a similar nature occur Church, where eternal destinies are at stake. Th men and women who came very near to Christ at c in their lives, but their nearness was not near enou

As a stately ocean liner that has weathered gales and buffeted mighty billows may be wrecked last night of its voyage, when the ship's passengers almost in sight of home, so there are men and wome fold of the Church who have drifted away. At o they had stood before God's altar and had made confession before many witnesses; for a short time after their religion consisted of the observance of ternal ritual, but later they were lured into the w of total unbelief. That is stark tragedy. "He that unto the end, the same shall be saved."

So You Are an Officer!

So you are an officer in your congregation or in its organizations or societies! Perhaps you were re— and you think only of the extra work you will have the year. Perhaps you are holding an office for t time, and are thrilled by the compliment of your Christians in choosing you as one of their leaders.

Whether you are newly elected or re-elected, yo a definite responsibility to lead others in the work Lord's kingdom. Many an officer feels that he or she pected to do the work alone. A real leader, however, making it possible for others to work. He delegates a ity, he organizes efforts, he checks to see whether com function and resolutions are carried out.

A church officer sees to it that the organization is the real business of the Church. It is often much ea concern ourselves about social affairs and money-r projects, to consider only the temporal needs of an org tion. To lead a congregation in a program of Bible of speaking to others about the Savior, of winning the delinquents, and of gaining the unchurched for service in the Church is the real task of the officer.

God-Fearing Helpmeets

The death of the wife of the President of our brings to mind the truth that a great man who serv fellow men well is frequently enabled to perform service the better because of the woman who is his A study of the lives of great men in the Church r repeatedly the presence of God-fearing wives who port their husbands with comfort and encourag with love and cheer, with praise and even with an sional word of constructive criticism. As a Church we give thanks to the Lord for such God-fearing help who do their service unnoticed and, in many case thanked. Their price is far above rubies.

Ye Merciful"

e end of February will mark the opening of the ed Cross campaign for members and funds. This goal is 85 million dollars and 30 million members. earse the deeds of mercy done by this organization fill volumes. We may not find Lazaruses on our orsteps, but the world is a vast hospital of suffering gedy. While our primary purpose in life is to pro- the cure for soul sickness, our religion would be w mockery did we not aid those in bodily distress. giving practical help directly or indirectly, children reflect the mercy of their heavenly Father. "Jesus bout . . . teaching . . . and preaching . . . and healing nner of sickness." Christians *will* be "merciful."

or Psychosis?

ith the advancement of psychiatry some people are g all sin a psychosis, for which one is not responsible. ose with mental disorders may well make use of atry. By means of this gift of God many a person who ner years would have been committed to an institution life can today live a normal life in society.

wever, to make use of a psychiatrist as an excuse lousy, ill will, laziness, and other faults is not right. not excuse our sins with the statement that we need rvices of a psychiatrist. To call a sin "psychosis" s neither the nature nor the guilt of sin. The Chris- es not use the psychiatrist as a cover for the sins ch he should repent. Psychoanalysis can never be titute for repentance.

ty from the Pulpit"

correspondent recently sent us the following edi- from the December 20, 1953, *Toledo* (Ohio) *Blade.* gh Editor M. S. Sommer in the WITNESS some years eated this subject similarly, we believe our readers joy this contribution from the secular press:

e Indiana traffic safety director has called upon the State's rs to preach highway safety in their pulpits. Said seph L. Lingo, "The only solution to this problem lies in nds of men." Since preachers deal with fundamental , maybe they can straighten people's thinking out.

ny no one thought of this approach before. All of this out radar and speed laws and safety patrols and what not root and branch solution was so readily at hand.

reover, there's no need to stop here. More people are in the kitchen and bathroom, if we remember our figures y, than on the highway. Here, then, is an even more ield for the ministry to work over.

ring the Christmas season, preachers can discourse on the ards of improperly wired Christmas trees. The perils of on ice unless members of the congregation are careful r their rubbers should not be ignored, of course. Nor the dangers of shaky ladders, the treachery of small rugs shed floors, and the menace of dead limbs on favorite rees.

e possibilities of promoting safety from the pulpit are illimitable. True, old fogies may think their spiritual rds should spend some time on good and evil, man's eternal and so on. But it is entirely possible that there would time for a sermon or two on those subjects after the ield had been covered.

What's the Answer?

Question: Do our Confessions speak of Mary's remaining a virgin after the birth of Jesus?

Answer: Yes, there are two such statements, the one calling her "the holy and always virgin" and the other stating that after the birth of Jesus she "nevertheless remained a virgin." Both of these are incidental expressions made in connection with the incarnation of Jesus. The obvious intention was to declare that Mary's chastity had not been violated when she conceived the Christ, since Matt. 1:18 emphasizes that this conception had occurred "before they came together" and that there had been no sexual contact on her part with another male, as Joseph had suspected. Whether Mary and Joseph had other children after Jesus is another question. Much has been, and can be, said for or against this view. The Scriptures make no definite statement on it, and our Confessions make no effort to establish it. Dr. F. Pieper advised against spending much time and effort on this problem. But, on the other hand, all true Christians agree that the conception and birth of Jesus was a miracle wrought by the Holy Ghost and that Mary up to that time was truly a virgin mother.

Question: Is it proper for a Christian congregation to publish an annual report of the contributions (with names) of its members?

Answer: That is a matter which each congregation will have to decide for itself. Such reports serve a good purpose, but they can also be abused. They show that such funds have been properly administered and serve in the nature of a receipt to the individual member. The good example of generous givers may also encourage others to greater liberality. If done for the glory of men, or to shame and high-pressure the negligent into a better performance, the procedure is questionable, to say the least.

One should not speak of taking offense at this custom unless a flagrant abuse is connected with it. To dislike, or disagree with, a thing of this kind is not the same as being so shocked as to be in danger of losing one's faith over it. Let the congregation talk it over in all frankness, and then let all members abide by the decision.

Question: Should Christians support an amendment to exempt private and church schools from taxation?

Answer: Since the State benefits greatly from the wholesome influence exerted by religious schools and since these schools are operated on a non-profit basis, there is no good reason why the State should hesitate to exempt such institutions from taxation, as it does churches. The maintenance of such schools is very costly; hence tax exemption is a welcome help. Atheists might object, but we doubt that any of them would care to live in a community in which there are no Christian churches and schools. Religion, especially Christianity, is the conscience of a community. The Christian religion preserves it from total moral decay and disintegration; hence the State is justified and does well not to charge such schools for their right to exist, and no one should raise the cry of mixing Church and State.

FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Report to the Board of Directors of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, January 18, 1954

To the praise of God, the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau has been an aggressive instrument in the promotion of the kingdom of God. Founded by spirited and alert pastors and laymen at the organizational meeting in the city of New York on January 21, 1914, it has used many media to publicize the saving Gospel of the Changeless Christ in a Changing World, has pioneered in bringing the message of the Lutheran Church to the American public, and has developed and fostered a great variety of practical methods for doing church work in the local congregation and in the church at large.

More than anything else the A. L. P. B. has rallied Lutheran leaders in the spirit of pioneering resourcefulness to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bear upon the events of the day, and to test and promote new methods for conducting Christian work in our everyday world. To put it another way, the Bureau seeks to stimulate the free expression and exercise of Christian thought in the search for a timely application of the Christian Gospel in all areas of life.

The membership of the A. L. P. B. includes Lutheran Christians from all walks of life. The pastors and laymen of its governing body, the board of directors, hold individual membership in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. As a voluntary and self-sustaining organization, it receives revenues from individuals, societies, and congregations, but from no Lutheran synod as such. It is an independent organization, publishes the *American Lutheran* magazine twelve times a year, owns and operates the Lutheran Press, and makes a specialty of providing church work materials not available elsewhere.

The effectiveness of the A. L. P. B. is best understood in the light of its development as a service and training program. Thousands of pastors and hundreds of thousands of laymen and women have been put to work through its suggestions and materials. Its seventy million free Gospel tracts have not only brought the comfort and light of Christ's Gospel to millions, but have also helped to stir others into missionary action.

The National Lutheran Publicity Week program, regularly conducted since 1917, has presented a flood of suggestions to pastors and congregations for Christian witness in their local communities, so that two generations of Lutheran pastors have become more effective leaders in community-centered church public relations.

The National Sunday School Week program, inaugurated after the Child Evangelism Crusade of 1945, has helped train workers to conduct community Sunday school canvasses, has been instrumental in training children to be missionaries through the distribution of tracts and doorknob invitations in their local Sunday school areas, and has brought thousands of children into the Sunday school.

After prompting the Luther celebrations of 1917 to 1930, the Bureau provided new stimulation for Reformation celebrations through its Reformation Week program, featured since 1950, by providing a new series of tracts and materials on the message and work of the Lutheran Church in America.

During the past twelve months the Bureau has serviced some twenty-five hundred congregations with materials for conducting aggressive Christian work. Seven hundred congregations participated in the National Lutheran Publicity Week promotion; 700 congregations participated in the National Sunday School Week program; 1,100 congregations participated in the Reformation Week program; and these congregations, together with 1,000 additional congregations, participated in the free Gospel tract distribution program.

Forty fruitful years of service have given the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau and its leaders and workers in the aggregate a sense of opportunity and a knack for getting things done. Its unique contribution has been the stimulation of new areas of Christian life and action, to which it invites assistance and participation in the glorious work of Christ's kingdom. Marshaled for Christian action for individual and group work in the local congregation and in the church at large, it stands ready to serve all who will use its program in Christ's name. JOHN A. KAVASCH, *President*

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WHERE ARE YOUR EYES?

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When You Look Forward?

Like the Children of Israel, so we are inclined to look ahead with fear in our hearts. Living in a wilderness of strife, uncertainty, and raging currents, how easy it is to see nothing but giants in the land, to forget that the power behind us is far greater than any difficulty before us, and that the tribulation confronting us is not worthy to be compared with th which shall be revealed in us!

Let us look forward as early Christians. An artist p picted them as people who ahead, a hand shielding their the forward and upward l though they awaited a spectacu glorious event. They were lool the glorious appearing of thei God and Savior Jesus Chris loved them and gave Himself fo God help us to keep our eye toward the Lord" and to pray: so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayer

Lord God, our heavenly who seest and knowest all about us, help us to see Thee wh we look.

When we look back, help us Thy grace and blessing, Thy pr tial care and mercy, and giv thankful heart.

When we look down, all alo our sins and the troubles that b reveal Thyself to us in Thy fo grace and Thy sustaining pow grant us peace and courage.

When we look about us, k from pride and malice, and give joyful experience of seeing T the lives of Thy faithful people where.

Help us to look ahead with homesick for heaven, with reaching forth to the prize of ou calling in Christ Jesus, and wit fixed upon His Cross and His

Father, for Jesus' sake, kee eyes ever toward Thee! Amen.

MAGI IN KANSAS

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rouse your co-workers for under God, to do something the ordinary for His great ca missions.

Your Opportunity

The coming Lenten season i opportunity. All congregatio Synod have been requested to a generous offering for mission ing Lent or on Easter Sunday year your church body has unde the largest mission program in S history. The goal is $8,100,000. $1,600,000 more than was nee 1953. In these days God is testi love of Christ and our love for th lions who are perishing in thei Something more than the or mission offerings will be require are not to fail Christ and the for which He suffered and died.

A Suggestion

Why not pattern a plan simi the one used in Ellinwood? P your children's confirmation cla

class, or some group in your gation, will make an attractive ary-offering box. On the Sun- hen the offerings are to be d, this box could be placed at ancel's entrance. As the mem- ep forward in single file to the l entrance, they could be asked athe a brief prayer and drop fferings into the mission box. the Savior's great offering of f for sinners cannot but moti- His people gratefully to share blessings in Christ with the ds of millions who are eternally thout Him.

John's in Ellinwood gave much or missions than the congrega- ticipated. It can also happen in ongregation. Pray God that He His Spirit into your congregation t in motion a wave of missionary which will sweep through our church body! Pray! Then act!

5,870,904 REASONS

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tants from the British West Many Americans and Britishers e members of the Lutheran h. At one time, two pastors three congregations that sup- two parochial schools.

er a long dispute the Isle of was officially ceded to Cuba in Hurricanes, fires, and inefficient administration caused the Eng- nd the Americans to leave. The ons of three congregations re- They total 60 communicants and uls.

e Board for Missions in North outh America has not abandoned faithful people. During the past nd a half, Vicar Zoilo Delgado vana preached to the congrega- n the English language. Hence- the American missionaries from a will make regular trips to the serve our Lutherans.

er an exploratory trip of mis- ossibilities in Havana and a visit Mrs. Ruth Cruz, officials of the ern District called Pastor Paul Neipp as first missionary to mainland. He arrived in 1946. ot, damp climate caused him to p bronchial asthma. Though to leave the following spring, s able to gather 14 communi- mostly of German origin. His provided the music for the s.

September, 1947, Candidate Ray zealously took over the work. nded a Spanish congregation in enavista suburb of Havana and glish congregation in near-by y.

the climate again took its toll. nary Bowles developed tuber- and has been recuperating at Ridge Sanatorium in Colorado.

The author moved to Cuba in 1949, and Pastor Herman Glienke in 1952. Together with two lay workers, they conduct a small seminary and minister to nine tiny congregations, totaling 160 communicants and 400 souls.

In 1950 the Board for Missions in North and South America purchased a plot of ground, 110 feet by 85 feet. The land cost $6,000 and is located in the rapidly growing Marti suburb.

In 1952 the Board, with slight assistance from newly won converts, completed construction of a combination school, church, and parsonage in Marti suburb. The building cost $18,000. About 100 children are enrolled in one-year-old Clara Maas Lutheran Day School there. Tuition ranges from three to six dollars. This money helps pay the salaries of four teachers. The Mission Board recently began to subsidize Cuban lay-worker Antonio Aguilar, who now serves as superintendent of the school and assists in mission work.

Though work was begun without a nucleus only two and a half years ago, attendances in Reparto Marti range from 70 to 325 — depending upon the weather and the season of the year. Fourteen communicants have already been received, and a large number of persons is under instruction.

English work in Havana is carried on by Pastor Glienke; from 15 to 30 Americans and Isle of Pines Lutherans attend the weekly services in his home. From 20 to 40 Germans are present at the monthly services conducted in their language by Missionary Glienke. Twice monthly the busy pastor also meets with 15 English-speaking Jamaicans in a theater at Hershey, Cuba. Occasional trips to the Isle of Pines also represent a part of his schedule.

Blas Serrano, a former Nazarene minister who was accepted as a Lutheran lay worker two years ago, is building up the Cuban congregation started by Missionary Bowles in the Buenavista suburb. Missionary Serrano has 40 pupils in his Sunday school and up to 30 persons at services.

Additional house services and family instructions are carried on by the missionaries in various parts of Havana. An average of a dozen individuals participate in each.

Under the capable supervision of the Board for Missions in North and South America, the work in Cuba is prospering. Each month more souls are brought into the body of Christ. The Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Women's Missionary League has begun to send a large percentage of its mite-box offerings to the Cuban mission. These offerings will be used to purchase an organ for the central chapel and to meet some of the operating expenses of our first parochial school in Havana.

NEWS

Mrs. John W. Behnken, 63, wife of the President of Synod, died January 20 in Lutheran Hospital, St. Louis, where she had been a patient for almost three weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Behnken moved to St. Louis from Oak Park, Ill., in May, 1951. She was the former Hilda Anna Grassmuck of Brenham, Tex. Before Dr. Behnken became President, he was pastor of Trinity Church, Houston, Tex.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are five sons: Victor L., pastor, Orange, Calif.; John W., Jr., chaplain in Korea; Donald E., teacher, Evansville, Ind.; Lloyd, pastor, Omaha, Nebr.; Kenneth, graduate student in Missions, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and three daughters: Ruth, wife of the Rev. August F. Droegemueller, Houston; Lois, wife of the Rev. Luther Roehrs, Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Miss Helen, St. Louis.

Mrs. John W. Behnken

Mrs. Behnken was active in the Women's Society of Ascension Church, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the St. Louis Altenheim Auxiliary, the Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary, the Lutheran Pastors' Wives group of St. Louis, the Foreign Mission Ladies' Aid Society, and the Concordia Seminary Guild.

Funeral services were held at Ascension Church, St. Louis, January 23, the Rev. Martin A. Haendschke officiating and Vice-President Herman Harms representing Synod. Burial was in Concordia Cemetery.

Eight clergymen of Synod will occupy the Lutheran Hour radio pulpit in 1954. They are: The Rev. Edwin Pieplow, pastor of Christ Church, Detroit, speaker for the first ten Sunday broadcasts of the year; the Rev. George Wittmer, Messiah, St. Louis, who on March 14 will begin a series of ten addresses; Dr. Arnold Grumm, Second Vice-President of Synod and pastor of Grace, Fargo, N. Dak., May 23 through June 6; the Rev. E. C. Kieninger, Pilgrim, St. Louis, for three Sundays, beginning June 13; the Rev. Henry G. Hartner, President of the Colorado District and pastor of Emmaus, Denver, July 4 through 18; and Dr. Oliver Harms, pastor of Trinity, Houston, on the three remaining summer broadcasts. Dr. Martin J. Neeb, Secretary of the Board for Higher Education, will open the fall season on August 15 with the first of 10 addresses, and the Rev. Kenneth Hoffmann, pastor of Trinity, Hyattsville, Md., will deliver the concluding series, beginning October 24.

The golden anniversary of the ordination of Dr. William F. Arndt and the silver anniversaries of Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer and Prof. E. C. Zimmermann, professors at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, were celebrated January 24, 1954. Clergy, laity, and the seminary "family" gathered in the seminary chapel for an anniversary vesper service.

Dr. Wm. F. Arndt

The Rev. Paul Stephan, chairman of the St. Louis Pastoral Conference, spoke to the jubilarians on Rom. 1:1-7, pointing to Paul — scholar, preacher, missionary, and servant of Christ — a pattern for all preachers. Dr. Lewis Spitz was officiant, and the students' chorus sang the anthem.

At the anniversary dinner, held in Wartburg dining hall, the Rev. George Wittmer, Vice-President of the Western District, was toastmaster. Prof. Martin Franzmann addressed the 200 guests. Dr. Alfred Fuerbringer, president of the seminary, concluded the celebration by speaking to the guests on behalf of all seminary groups.

A graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, class of 1903, Dr. Arndt, professor in the New Testament Department and lecturer in the School of Graduate Studies, held pastorates until 1911, when he became instructor in classical languages and Hebrew at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo. Since 1921 he has been a member of the Exegetical Department of the seminary, has served on many synodical boards, and made valuable contributions to religious periodicals and journals in the fields of New Testament and archaeology.

His writings include the following books: *Siehe, ich stehe vor der Tuer; Does the Bible Contradict Itself? Bible Difficulties; From the Nile to the Waters of Damascus; Christian Prayer; Fundamental Christian Beliefs; New Testament History; The Life of Paul;* he is co-author of *Popular Symbolics.*

In addition to lecturing part-time at the seminary, Dr. Arndt is now working with Dr. F. W. Gingrich of the University of Chicago on a comprehensive lexicon for the Greek New Testament, to be published under the auspices of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. The University of Chicago will publish the lexicon.

Dr. Caemmerer was pastor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church from his ordination until 1940. Since that time he has taught homiletics, and he is now chairman of the Department of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary.

Professor Zimmermann served in China as missionary until 1942, when he became instructor in the Mission Department.

Immanuel, Danville, Ill., celebrated the 50th anniversary of the congregation's organization as well as the golden jubilee of its pastor, the Rev. E. Berthold, in 1946. He continued to serve the congregation as vacancy pastor during the last two years, but now, he reports to the WITNESS, he has "actually retired," at the age of 80.

He was born August 7, 1873, in Gloesa, near Chemnitz, Saxony, where he and his parents were members of the Free Church. In 1890 he came to the U. S. to enter Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill. In the summer of 1892 he taught school near Golden, Ill. The following year he served a congregation in southern Indiana. In 1894 he returned to the seminary. During the summer of 1895 he vicared in Jackson County, Minn. Shortly after his graduation in 1896 he was called to Immanuel Congregation, organized that same year. His alma mater conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in his golden anniversary year. Pastor Berthold resides at 1123 E. Fairchild, Danville, Ill.

The Rev. E. Berthold

The Rev. Werner Kuntz of Detroit has accepted the appointment of Director of World Relief for Synod, the Rev. Edwin A. Nerger of Fort Wayne, chairman of the board, recently announced.

In June, 1953, the Houston Convention authorized a program of world relief. Since that time Pastor Kuntz has served as director of Relief in order to organize the new program. The executive office of the Board of World Relief will remain at 3919 John R, Detroit 1, Mich.

The Rev. Werner Kuntz

"Relief projects have been begun in many countries, including Korea, Hong Kong, India, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Trieste, Austria, and Germany," said Pastor Nerger. "Relief measures," he added, "include large shipments of food commodities and clothing in co-operation with Lutheran World Relief, Inc., the relief agency of the National Lutheran Council, as well as cash grants to specific areas of emergency need for the purchase of food and medicines."

The first issue of *Welfare* appeared in January. The bim publication, sponsored by the of Social Welfare of Synod, is c solely to the promotion of Lu social work and institution ch cies. The bulletin's first issue, in 10,000 copies, was sent to Lu agencies, parish pastors, and i tional chaplains whose names a dresses are recorded in the office, with the request that tho would like to receive *Welfare* regularly send a card to the Dr. Henry F. Wind, Lutheran Bu 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis 2, M

Dr. Wind was installed as Ex Secretary of the Department of Welfare in a solemn service at Church, St. Louis, January 31 Rev. William Buege of Christ C Minneapolis, preached the sermc Rev. E. B. Glabe, chairman board, performed the rite of in tion, while the Rev. George A. pastor of Bethel, was the offici

From 1930 to 1935 Dr. Wind the *Associated Lutheran Charitie view,* the first Protestant social journal. For 29 years he has *Good News,* a pamphlet for th

The Church Music Conferen observe its 10th anniversary v seminar at Valparaiso University paraiso, Ind., February 18 to 2 continue the study of contem church music, begun in last meeting. The 1954 seminar will assume the proportions of a fe with emphasis on the performa selected contemporary church by several choirs, soloists, an chestras.

In August, 1944, a small gro church musicians gathered o campus of Valparaiso to discuss lems of common interest. Und leadership of Prof. Theodore H Nickel, head of the university's department, the work of fosteri appreciation of the musical herit the Lutheran Church was plann

Scholars, pastors, teachers, c ists, and choirmasters have me nually these ten years to hear on some phase of Lutheran musi tory and to discuss practical pro Among the musical scholars i U. S. who have been guest lectur these seminars were: Dr. Leo So of Yale; Dr. Hans Rosenwald, f dean and director of the gra school of Chicago Musical Co Dr. Healey Willan, composer an fessor *emeritus* at the Universi Toronto; Dr. Donald Ferguson, f professor of music history at the versity of Minnesota; Dr. Paul professor of music history at In University; Dr. Paul Henry Lang fessor of music history at Colu University; and Dr. Otto Gomb Harvard.

N YOUTH CONFERENCE. Left to right: nce Peters, chairman of Synod's Board g People's Work; Dr. M. F. Kretzmann, Secretary; Pres. W. Stuenkel, chairman Survey Committee; and Edgar Fritz, of the Walther League, at the 1954 neeting in St. Louis. See page 6

uming a position of leadership Professor Hoelty-Nickel have ome of the Church's prominent ans: Dr. Edward Rechlin of New organist, for many years prior to hurch Music Conferences had singlehandedly championed the of the heritage. A steady con- r of scholarly essays has been Walter E. Buszin of Concordia ary, St. Louis. Members of the departments of Concordia rs Colleges of both River For- d Seward as well as those of aiso have also actively promoted use of the Conference.

recommendations of this group olars have been made available general public in several vol- of the series, *The Musical Her- of the Church. The Little Bach* published by Valparaiso Univer- 1950, commemorated the 200th rsary of the death of J. S. Bach.

ary Pitney van Dusen, president on Theological Seminary, New and former representative of the C. A. and Student Christian nent, states in "Fraternities and Colleges," lead article in the *an Century,* September 9, 1953: t is the role of fraternities and ies in *church*-sponsored colleges hich we are concerned. . . . The ive unreality of the system eats eculiar demoralization into their ty.

ar by year, our national church olies re-enact strong and im- e indictments of the un-Chris- aracter of racial discrimination. by month, their boards of *Chris-* ducation subsidize institutions g church names which harbor as anic part of their corporate ex- the most flagrant and inde- e organized expressions of racial cial discrimination to be found whole of American life.

w do we justify this? I suggest cannot honestly be justified. nities and sororities in church s are the most humiliating e of blatant unreality and isy in American church life."

Fears of foreign Christian missionaries that the government of India planned to restrict their evangelistic work have been allayed in Parliament by Home Minister Dr. Kailash Nath Katju. Earlier last year he had told Parliament in New Delhi that India expected foreigners to limit themselves to "uplift work" and to leave evangelism to Indian citizens exclusively.

Present mayor of Mount Prospect, Ill., is Dr. Theodore Lams, professor of music theory and organ at Northwestern University and supporter of the Gamma Delta program for Lutheran students on that campus. Dr. Lams is also director of music at Our Redeemer Church, Chicago. He is the son of Dr. E. T. Lams, pastor of Christ Church, Oak Park, Ill., and former President of the Northern Illinois District.

The New Jersey Supreme Court in December ruled that distribution of the King James Version of the New Testament in the public schools of Rutherford, N. J., violated the Bill of Rights of the Federal and the New Jersey constitutions.

The court unanimously voided a resolution by the Rutherford Board of Education which permitted distribution of Gideon Bibles to public school pupils who, in order to receive the copies, had written authorization from parents. The Supreme Court reversed a decision of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court upholding the Rutherford board.

Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt said in his opinion: "We find from the evidence presented in this case that the Gideon Bible is a sectarian book, and that the resolution of the defendant Board of Education to permit its distribution through the public school system of the Borough of Rutherford was in violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution . . . and of Article I, paragraph 4, of the New Jersey Constitution. . . .

"To permit the distribution of the King James Version of the Bible in the public schools of this State would be to cast aside all the progress made in the United States and throughout New Jersey in the field of religious toleration and freedom. We would be renewing the ancient struggles among the various religious faiths to the detriment of all."

The Court was well aware of the long debate over the meaning of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, Chief Justice Vanderbilt said. "There are those who contend that our forefathers never intended to erect a 'wall of separation' between Church and State. On the other hand, there are those who insist upon this absolute separation between Church and State. But regardless of what our views on this fundamental question may be, our decision in this case must be based upon the undoubted doctrine of both the Federal Constitution and our New Jersey Constitution, that the State or any instrumentality thereof cannot under any circumstances show a preference for one religion over another. Such favoritism," said the court, "cannot be tolerated and must be disapproved as a clear violation of the Bill of Rights of our Constitutions."

The Lutheran Hospital and Old People's Home boards of Omaha, Nebr., have purchased the Clarkson Hospital and Nurses' Home in Omaha. Clarkson will erect a new hospital near the University of Nebraska medical campus. Leonard C. Heine, president of both Lutheran boards, said the purchase of the existing Clarkson buildings will enable Lutherans in Omaha to integrate their medical facilities and also triple the enrollment of their old people's home. Plans call for converting the Clarkson nurses' home into a modern home for 110 aged Lutherans (present facilities accommodate only 37); for using the Clarkson Hospital building for general medical and surgical patients, to increase bed capacity from 150 to 350; existing hospital property exclusively for neuro-psychiatric patients; and Unit II for convalescence. "Our pastors and church membership state-wide, as well as our entire hospital medical staff and personnel, are wholeheartedly accepting and commending the action of our boards in the acquisition of the Clarkson Hospital properties as evidencing the Church's interest in charity and humanity," Mr. Heine said.

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Home Missions Conference, which met at the Lutheran Building, St. Louis. See page 6

DEATHS

John G. Kirsch (September 21, 1874, Friedheim, Ind., to October 30, 1953, Florida); graduated Addison Teachers' Seminary, 1893; taught at Oak Glen, Ill., 1893 to 1902; Crete, Ill., 1902 to 1918, when he suffered a breakdown; after his recovery he taught at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1920 to 1925; and at South Bend, Ind., 1925 to 1928. After a second breakdown he moved to Detroit and became a member of Nazareth Church and field agent for the Aid Association for Lutherans. In 1951 he moved to Florida.

In 1898 he married Hulda Eggers of Hammond, Ind. This union was blessed with four children.

Funeral services were conducted in Orlando, Fla., by his pastor, the Rev. A. H. Besalski, and in Detroit by his former pastor, the undersigned. Burial was in Glen Eden Lutheran Cemetery, November 4, 1953. CONRAD J. ENGELDER

S. Markose, pastor of Kanacode Lutheran Church in the Balaramapuram district of the Malayalam area of the India mission, died suddenly of a heart attack, November 18, 1953. On the day of his death he went to Aryanad for a meeting of the Medical Fund Committee, of which he was secretary; after the meeting, while walking along the road with his son, Pastor Markose fell and died.

Pastor Markose was born in Kuttichel, Travancore, in 1904. He studied in Lutheran schools and entered the mission service as a teacher in 1922. From that time until 1941 he taught and served as catechist at Luthergiri, Konni, and Kurungaloor congregations. In 1941 he attended Concordia Seminary, Nagercoil, graduating in 1943. He then served Kanacode Lutheran Church as evangelist until 1945, when that congregation called him as its pastor. He served that congregation until his death.

He was buried in Kuttichel, November 19, 1953. The undersigned, missionary in charge of the district, performed the rites and on November 22 also conducted a memorial service at Kanacode Church. On December 6 Kanacode Church and Parachel Church, which had been divided for six years because of caste differences, decided to unite. This union, for which Pastor Markose had worked untiringly in his lifetime, was effected in large part by the impact of his sudden death.

Pastor Markose is survived by his wife, Mariamma, whom he married in 1929, and by eight children, the oldest of whom, M. Mercy Gnanabai, teaches in our Kanacode Lutheran school. H. M. ZORN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordinations and Installations

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Installed:

Nagel, Norman E., Luther-Tyndale Memorial, London, England, by E. George Pearce, Jan. 3.

Commissioned:

Kluck, Herbert, Grace, Wellston, St. Louis, Mo., as missionary in India, by Dr. O. H. Schmidt, Jan. 17.

PASTORS

Installed:

Ankney, Claude, St. John, Port Sanilac, Mich.; St. Matthew, Lexington Heights, Mich., by Karl H. Trautmann, Jan. 10.

Bartell, Theodore, St. Paul, Frankenlust, Mich., by Fred Bickel, Jan. 17.

Boerger, Robert, St. John, Red Lake Falls; Immanuel, Wylie; Redeemer, Plummer, Minn., by W. E. Hannemann, Dec. 6.

Brack, La Vern, Grace, Brandon, Man., Can., by A. E. Koslowsky, Jan. 10; Redeemer, Portage La Prairie, Man., Can., by Chaplain Edwin Regal, Jan. 17.

Brighton, Louis A., Holy Trinity, London, England, by E. George Pearce, Jan. 3.

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Ernstmeyer, Kenneth W., Zion, Scotia, Nebr., by George Weller, Jan. 17.

Frank, Paul L., Grace, Moses Lake, Wash., by A. H. Grabow, Jan. 17.

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Gabbert, Roland P. L., Immanuel, Otto, N. Y. by E. J. Buerger, Jan. 10.

Gerni, Alfred, St. James, Logansport, Ind., by A. H. Gallmeier, Jan. 10.

Hopmann, Roland, Trinity, White Bear Lake, Minn., by Pres. H. A. Gamber, Jan. 3.

Juergensen, Carl F., St. Peter, Bowie, Tex., by Herman E. Hiegert, Jan. 10.

Klenke, A. H., Immanuel, Mount Clemens (Waldenburg), Mich., by George A. Sebald, Jan. 10.

Klinck, Arthur W., professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., by George W. Wittmer, Jan. 17.

Mahnke, Edward J., professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., by George W. Wittmer, Jan. 17.

Mueller, Ernst H. R., Zion, Lahoma, Okla., by K. S. L. Leimer, Jan. 17.

Pera, August, Immanuel, near Russell, Kans., by E. F. Guenther, Jan. 10.

Raedeke, Gilbert H., St. Paul, Napoleon, Ohio, by George Maassel, Jan. 17.

Reinboth, O. H., First Trinity, Oakland, Calif., by W. G. Ruehle, Jan. 3.

Richert, Paul, Zion, Hemlock, Mich., by H. C. Bernthal, Jan. 10.

Rozak, John, Zion, Buffalo, Okla., by Otto Hoyer, Jan. 17.

Schinnerer, Carl, Jr., Trinity, Fenton, Mich., by H. A. Reischauer, Jan. 17.

Seager, Gilbert B., Emmanuel, Littlefield, Tex., by Louis Pabor, Jan. 10.

Strelow, J. L., St. Paul, Readlyn, Iowa, by W. F. Reddel, Jan. 17.

Ulkus, Adolph, Immanuel, near Staunton, Ill.; Holy Cross, Livingston, Ill., by A. G. Deichmann, Jan. 17.

Weber, Fred H., Trinity, Wisconsin Dells parish, Wis., by Gerhard Huebner, Jan. 10.

Werth, John H., Zion, Auburn, Wash., by Erwin A. Gerken, Jan. 3.

Commissioned:

Klein, A. A., St. Paul, Flint, Mich., institutional missionary in Flint, Mich., by H. A. Reischauer, Jan. 10.

Pearce, E. George, Luther-Tyndale Memorial, London, England, as missionary in Great Britain by Norman E. Nagel, Jan. 10.

TEACHER

Installed:

Garmatz, Robert W., instructor in Concordia College, Seward, Nebr., by L. G. Bickel, Jan. 4.

Ground Breaking

Garber, Okla. Immanuel, church, Jan. 10.
Uvalde, Tex. Trinity, church, Oct. 4, 1953.

Dedications

Abilene, Kans. Faith, new church, Jan. 10.
Ashton, Idaho. Zion, new church, Nov. 22, 1953.
Forest Green, Mo. Salem, new school and parish house, Jan. 25, 1953.
Fort Myers, Fla. St. Michael, new chapel-parish house, Nov. 1, 1953.
Gregory, S. Dak. St. John, new church, Dec. 13, 1953.
Gresham, Oreg. Redeemer, new church, Nov. 29, 1953.
Kilmanagh, Mich. St. John, new school, Jan. 17.
Portage, Wis. St. John, new school, Jan. 17.
Uvalde, Tex. Trinity, new church, Jan. 10.

Official Notices

The Rev. Hugo Goetz, Griffith, Ind., has been appointed to the Visitorship of the South-Chicago Circuit of the English District. Pastor Goetz succeeds the Rev. Julius Acker of Hammond, Ind. — H. G. KLEINER, *President,* English District.

Result of Election

Professor Henry J. Eggold of Springfield, Ill., has been called to the presidency of St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo. — O. G. TIEMANN, *Secretary,* Board of Control.

Acceptance of Call

The Rev. Allen H. Nauss has acc... call as associate professor of the h... extended to him by St. Paul's Colle... cordia, Mo. — O. G. TIEMANN, *Secreta...* of Control.

Nominations for Four Professor... Concordia Seminary in St. L...

Historical Theology

Rev. Carl Berner, Los Angeles, Cali... St. Louis, Mo.; Immanuel, St. Louis, ...
Prof. Robert Bertram, Valparaiso, Ind. ... vary, Brentwood, Mo.; Redeem... Orleans, La.; Bethany, Chicago, Ill. ...
Pres. George Beto, Austin, Tex.: I... Grand Rapids, Mich.
Prof. Walter G. Boss, Portland, Oreg... Lexington, Mo.; Trinity, Springfield...
Pres. Herbert Bredemeier, Fort Way... Christ, Indianapolis, Ind.; Trinity, ... olis, Ind.; Trinity, Mission, Kans.
Prof. Richard R. Caemmerer, St. Lo... St. Paul's, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Pres. Thomas Coates, Portland, Oreg... Olive, Pasadena, Calif.; Holy Cross, ... Oreg.; Immanuel, Twin Falls, Idaho ...
Prof. George Dolak, St. Louis, Mo.: S... Cleveland, Ohio; St. Paul's, Concor... Trinity, Port Arthur, Tex.
Rev. Henry Duwe, Evanston, Ill.: Zion, ... zoo, Mich.
Prof. W. O. Forster, Purdue Univers... Savior, Raleigh, N. C.; St. Matthe... York, N. Y.; Pilgrim, St. Louis, Mo. ...
Prof. Walter Herrling, Fort Wayne, I... deemer, Seymour, Ind.; Zion, ... City, Ind.
Prof. A. Huegli, River Forest, Ill.: Ho... Collinsville, Ill.
Rev. Richard Klann, Bayside, N. Y.: R... Orange, N. J.; St. Mark's, Yonker... St. Paul's, Tremont, New York, N. Y. ...
Prof. Ernest Koenker, Valparaiso, Ind... Olive, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. A. V. Kuster, Wanatah, Ind.: S... Clinton, Iowa
Rev. John Mager, Akron, Ohio: Zion... Ohio
Rev. Herbert Mayer, Janesville, Wi... cordia, Maplewood, Mo.
Pres. Carl Meyer, Maywood, Ill.: St... Glastonbury, Conn.
Pres. Carl Mundinger, Winfield, Kans.: ... Austin, Tex.; St. Paul's, Sheboygan, ...
Rev. G. W. Obenhaus, Houston, Tex.: S... Winslow, Nebr.
Prof. Philip J. Schroeder, St. Lou... St. John's, Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Paul'... City, Colo.; Trinity, Pueblo, Colo. ...
Prof. Ernest Schwiebert, Baltimore, M... Savior, Arlington, Va.; First Luther... son, Md.
Prof. Lewis Spitz, St. Louis, Mo.: In... Bristol, Conn.
Rev. A. Suelflow, St. Louis, Mo.: R... Highland Park, Ill.; Zion, Mascou... Markus, St. Louis, Mo.; Trinity, ... City, Mich.
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Rev. Lester Wolf, Nashville, Ill.: St. Pa... Athens, Ill.

Exegetical Theology, Old Testam...

Rev. Walther Barth, Indianapolis, Ind.: ... Traverse City, Mich.
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derick H. Zucker, Pascagoula, Miss.: il, Austin, Tex.

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o. Moeller, Brooklyn, N. Y.: Redeemer, Hall, Ill.
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rtin Mueller, Hamlin, N. Y.: Hope, ter, N. Y.

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Rev. Gilbert Otte, Detroit, Mich.: Village Church, Ladue, St. Louis, Mo.
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Rev. G. Walter Schoedel, Mount Clemens, Mich.: St. John's, Ridgeville Township, Henry County, Ohio
Rev. Carl M. Zorn, Closter, N. J.; St. John's, Seward, Nebr.

Additional recommendations and statements of qualifications of any of these nominees (but not new nominations), or objections to any nominee, with reasons therefor, must be filed with the secretary of the Board of Control before the time fixed for the election, which will be held March 15, 1954. — FREDERIC NIEDNER, D. D., *Secretary*, Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, 115 South 6th St., St. Charles, Mo.

Nominations for the Associate Professorship in Education and Another Field at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

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Mr. Carl Buhse, M. A., Monroe, Mich.: Grace, Monroe, Mich.
Mr. Walter Dobberfuhl, M. A., Milwaukee, Wis.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Edwin J. W. Fritze, M. S., St. Louis, Mo.: Concordia, Granite City, Ill.
Mr. Carlton M. Gerecke, Mt. Olive, Ill.: Saint Peter's, Campbell Hill, Ill.
Mr. Edward Keuer, M. A., Houston, Tex.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.
Asst. Prof. Victor C. Krause, M. A., River Forest, Ill.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.; Grace, River Forest, Ill.
Mr. Paul W. Lange, Ph. D., St. Louis, Mo.: Trinity, Oak Park, Ill.; St. Luke, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. E. C. Lietke, M. Ed., Detroit, Mich.: Christ the King, Wyandotte, Mich.; Faith, Livonia, Mich.
Mr. Martin F. Luebke, M. A., Grand Rapids, Mich.: Grace, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Paul T. Luebke, M. Ed., Detroit, Mich.: Grace English, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Frederick A. Meyer, M. A., Beloit, Wis.: St. John's, Marengo, Iowa; Hope, Fond du Lac, Wis.
Mr. Arthur Miller, Ph. D., St. Louis, Mo.: Peace, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Walter Schmidt, M. A., Milwaukee, Wis.: St. Andrew's, Chicago, Ill.
Asst. Prof. Eldor Sieving, M. A., Winfield, Kans.: St. John's, Conover, N. C.; St. Mark's, Detroit, Mich.; Holy Cross, Newton, N. C.
Prof. John F. Stach, Ph. D., Fort Wayne, Ind.: Emmaus, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Erich Von Fange, San Francisco, Calif.: St. Paul's, Concordia, Mo.
Mr. Wilbert W. Wehmueller, Port Huron, Mich.: Atonement, Florissant, Mo.; Zion, Saint Louis, Mo.
Mr. Ernest E. Yunghans, M. A., Indianapolis, Ind.: St. Peter's, Indianapolis, Ind.

All communications regarding these candidates should reach the undersigned by March 15. — ERWIN L. PAUL, *Secretary*, Board of Control, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

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Notices

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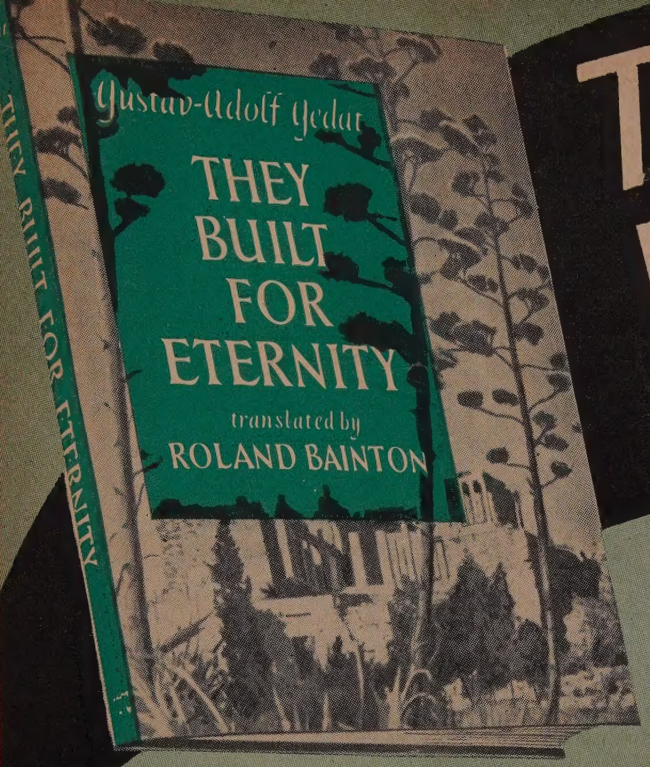

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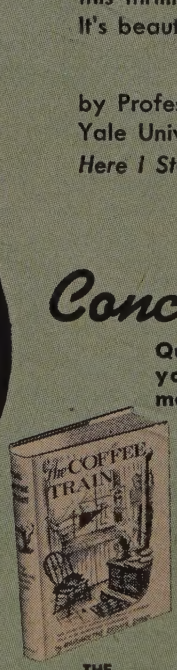

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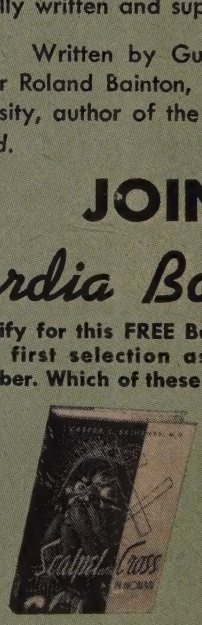

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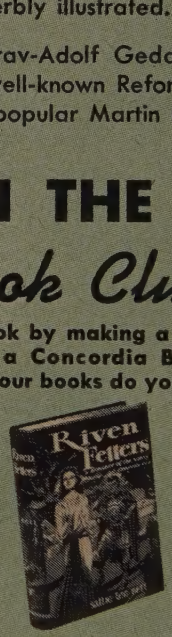

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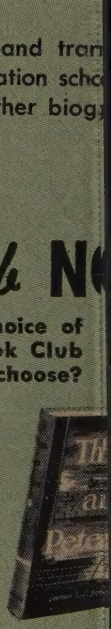

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